

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 1, 6, and 13 as being anticipated by the Chou et al. reference. These rejections are respectfully traversed in light of the concurrently filed Declaration Of Houssam Salloum (the inventor herein) under 37 C.F.R. 1-131 that removes the Chou et al. reference as prior art to the claimed invention.

The Declaration provides evidence that the inventor conceived of the above-identified invention before the filing date of U.S. Patent 6,035,289. Accordingly, the claims cannot be anticipated by the Chou et al. reference.

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